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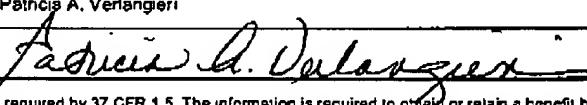
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		First Named Inventor	Richard LaParula Jr. et al.
		Art Unit	2878
		Examiner Name	Jason R. Phinney
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Docket No.: PU000162

Art Unit: 2879

Examiner: Jason R. Phinney

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Amendment (17 Pages)

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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed August 20, 2003 (Paper No. 8), please
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Listing and Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.